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**OLD MANSION IS DEN OF ALCOHOL**  
Five Stills Operate in Darien—  
Four Men Held

Darien, July 17.—Surrounded by palatial homes and a church and hidden from view of the Boston post road by a hospital five huge stills were found in simultaneous operation in an old abandoned colonial mansion in the exclusive Noroton section of Darien yesterday afternoon by federal agents and the local police.

More than 5,000 gallons of alcohol, some still in its completely denatured form and the balance redistilled were seized by the authorities in addition to the stills, which were removed only after part of the building was cut away. It is believed to be the largest single alcohol seizure yet made in the state. Five cases of Scotch whisky were also seized.

Four men alleged to have been in charge of the stills were arrested. Two of these, Vito Palermo and Vito Camello, address unknown, were found operating the still when the police arrived. Two others, Frank Bando and Joseph Modlon, whose addresses are also unknown, were found asleep in another building. The four are believed to have been working in shifts on a 24 hour basis.

The raids were on a warrant issued by U. S. Commissioner Hugh Lavery at Bridgeport. Each of the men is held under \$5000 bail pending arraignment before the commissioner.

Dr. Anthony R. Campo, owner of the independent Noroton hospital which hides the stills from view of the post road, was ordered by the government agents to appear at the Darien headquarters this morning. It is intimated he will be arrested. Dr. Campo was involved in the recent investigation of eclectic physicians in this state.

Approximately 4,000 gallons of alcohol were "dumped" in the basement of the building, after samples had been taken. The balance was moved to Darien headquarters.

One 500 gallon still with a 250 gallon attachment was found in operation on the second floor and three other stills, each 250 gallons were on the main floor. The value of the apparatus is estimated at \$5,000. The place has been in operation for about three weeks it is believed.

Homes of Robert E. Struthers, Henry W. Banks and Marcus Goodbody, New York bankers, surround the scene of the raid. The Noroton Presbyterian church is only a stone's throw from the place.

**MRS. McPHERSON RAPS ASSAILANTS**  
Makes Religious and Legal Reply to Challenges

Los Angeles, Cal., July 17.—(AP)—Almae Simple McPherson, whose story of kidnapping, imprisonment and torture between May 18 and June 23, was attacked by five witnesses testifying at the grand jury investigation Thursday, struck back twice at her attackers yesterday.

One reply was religious; the other legal.

Angelus Temple, the Evangelist's headquarters, opened the day with the announcement that despite the hush-hallo and controversy over their leader's kidnapping narrative, there had been more than 3,000 persons at the McPherson revival meeting last night and that 136 converts had yielded to the "altar call."

Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, mother of Mrs. McPherson, commented cryptically and biblically on the adverse grand jury testimony of yesterday with the remark: "The fires of Hell are burning and they must burn themselves out, but we are not afraid."

This was the temple's only statement concerning yesterday's evidence that Mrs. McPherson had been seen in two places after she had been reported drowned and before she turned up at Agua Prieta, Mexico, with the tale that she was kidnapped and imprisoned.

The second, and legal barrage came from Arthur Veitch, attorney for the evangelist, who produced an affidavit made by Mrs. G. R. Humphrey that hers was the "blue sedan" which newspapermen and police had traced along the Mexican border in the belief that Mrs. McPherson had travelled in it prior to her arrival at Douglas from points south in the Mexican desert June 23.

The affidavit immediately became the object of scrutiny and attack by newspaper investigators who had been on the "blue sedan" trail. They said the machine was not of the same make which they had been seeking, that its license number did not tally with that of the "blue sedan" sought and that its movements, as reported by Mrs. Humphrey, did not correspond with the movements of the car which had excited suspicion along the international boundary.

**Walkout Occurs at Shons Of Bigelow Carpet Co.**

Thompsonville, July 17.—(AP)—Discontent over the "wage equalization" schedule recently announced by the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet company resulted in a walkout of settlers in the moment department shortly before the regular closing hour last night.

The settlers, principally women, received their first pay envelopes under the new schedule yesterday and "claim their pay has been drastically cut, the reductions said to run from 25 to 50 per cent."

Spokesmen for the settlers say 150 women left their machines and will not return "until living wages are paid." They also claim that with the settlers out, other departments depending on the settlers for material are likely to be affected soon.



**QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Question Editor, New Britain Herald, Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Avenue, Washington, D. C., enclosing two cents in stamps for reply. Medical, legal and marital advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be undertaken. All other questions will receive a personal reply. Unsigned requests cannot be answered. All letters are confidential—Editor.

Q. Who in the World War said "They shall not pass?"  
A. The statement is attributed to General Petain, and it was the battle cry of the French Polus at Verdun.

Q. Who is the author of the play "Is Zat So?"  
A. J. Gleason and R. Tabor are joint authors.

Q. Is Fairmount Park in Philadelphia larger than Rock Creek Park in Washington, D. C.  
A. The present area of Fairmount Park in Philadelphia is over 3,400 acres including a water surface of 372 acres which makes it one of the largest public pleasure grounds in the world. Rock Creek Park in Washington, D. C., contains 2,000 acres extending along both banks of Rock Creek, adjoining the Zoological Park which contains 166 acres.

Q. To whom is the expression "Black Dutch" applied?  
A. "Black Dutch" is a term of derision applied to the Dutch who live in certain sections of Africa. It does not necessarily refer to negro blood, although there is a coarse great deal of mixed blood in that part of Africa.

Q. By whom was the book "The Day of Doom" written?  
A. Michael Wigglesworth, one of the earliest American poets who lived in Colonial times.

Q. Who or what is a "Bozo"?  
A. Bozo has a present day slang significance that evades a sharp definition but in general is applied to persons who resemble tramps. About 40 or 50 years ago the name was coined and given to one who was exhibited in the side shows of Forepaugh Brothers and other circuses. He was called "Bozo the Dog Faced Boy" on account of his exuberant hirsute facial adornment.

Q. Can you tell me something about the constellation known as "O'Brien's Belt"?  
A. There is no constellation by that name. Doubtless you refer to "Orion," which means "The Giant Hunter." The belt of the hunter is represented by three bright stars within the constellation. Orion was worshipped in China, 1600 years before our era. The group was called by the Chinese "The White Tiger."

Q. Is it true that buoys are placed in the ocean in steamer routes in which letters can be mailed to be picked up by returning ships?  
A. There are no such buoys.

Q. What percentage of the total foreign-born population of the United States is Italian?  
A. According to the census of 1920 there were 1,510,113 foreign-born Italians or 11.6 per cent of the total foreign-born population.

Q. Why is a necktie called a "cravat"?  
A. Cravat is from the French word "cravate" a corruption of "cravat." It is a name used by the French in the time of Louis XIV for the scarfs worn by Croatian soldiers.

Q. What is "Paradichloro Benzene" that is used to destroy moths?  
A. A white crystalline substance, that vaporizes slowly at ordinary temperature, forming a gas apparently heavier than air. The gas is non-poisonous to man and the fumes do not injure fabrics. It is similar in appearance to naphthalene flakes and effectively destroys moths when used in the same way as naphthalene and in the same quantity.

Q. What is the average difference in height and weight between a 9-year-old boy and girl?  
A. The average height of a boy 9 years of age is 49.7 inches and the average weight 59.2 pounds. The average height for a girl of that age is 48.4 and the average weight 51.1.

Q. In washing clothes should they be put to boil in hot or cold water and how long should they boil?  
A. Place the clothes in a boiler of soft water, mixed with finely shaved or scraped soap, and bring slowly to boiling. Boil 5 to 10 minutes. Prolonged boiling yellows the clothes.

Q. What is put to boil in hot or cold water and how long should they boil?  
A. Try bathing the face twice a day with the following lotion: 5 1/2 ounces of rosewater, 1/2 ounce of alcohol, 1/2 gram of boric acid.

Q. How long did it take the committee to prepare the King James Version of the Bible?  
A. The work done by a commission of 47 members was begun in 1604 and completed in 1611.

Q. When was the design of the American flag adopted and was it the same as the present one?  
A. The design for our flag was outlined in a Congressional resolution passed on June 14, 1777, which states that the flag was to be 13 alternate stripes, red and white; that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field representing the new constellation. At first a new stripe and a new star was added for each new state, but soon it was realized that the flag would grow too large, and on April 4, 1818, Congress passed a resolution reducing the number of stripes to 13 and providing that only a new star be added to the field when a new state was admitted to the union.

**BABE RUTH SLIPS FROM LEADERSHIP**  
Bib Falk Replaces Him—Averages in the Big Leagues Given

Chicago, July 17.—Babe Ruth has slipped from the batting leadership of the American league in the official batting average issued today, and has been replaced at the top by Bib Falk, White Sox outfielder. In the last six games, including that of Wednesday, Ruth got but five hits, four singles and a homer, and fell off 15 points. Fothergill of Detroit ranks above Ruth but has been at bat less than half the number of times.

The rest of the Yankees slumped a bit along with Ruth, while the Washington team generally were improving in their hitting. McNeely of the Senators made the greatest gain of the week in hitting, landing among the select ten with a gain of 22 points.

Among Falk's ten hits the past week were two home runs, a triple and two doubles. In two-baggers, he is just two behind the league leader, Burns of Cleveland. As runners-up to the Bambino in home runs, Simmons of the Athletics and Lazzari of the Yankees each added one to their string this week, and are tied at 12, while Ruth added one to reach 27.

The stolen base mark of the crippled Meusel of the Yankees was tied by E. Rice of Washington, who, however, dropped out of the ten leading hitters this week. Hunnefeld and Mostil of the White Sox are just a step behind.

**George Uhle leads the moundmen in victories with 14, just one more than Ted Lyons of the White Sox, who ranks the Indian pitcher slightly in innings pitched. Fate of the Athletics has a clean slate, being credited with eight victories, although he has pitched only the equivalent of seven and a half games.**

Leading hitters of the American league in 50 or more games: Fothergill, Detroit, .433; Falk, Chicago, .375; Heilmann, Detroit, .368; Ruth, New York, .367; Meusel, New York, .366; Burns, Cleveland, .365; Mostil, Chicago, .358; Goslin, Washington, .353; McNeely, Washington, .352; Manush, Detroit, .348.

The sensation of the National league the past week was the hitting of George Grantham of the Pittsburgh Pirates. In six games he got 15 hits, including a home run, three triples and four two-baggers. Although the Pirates failed to do better than break even in games, on the week, Grantham's hitting showed the team from fourth place to second in team batting. Herman of Brooklyn, the leader among the regulars last week, slumped badly the past week. Bressler, the present leader, was in only one game the past week, and fell off five points. Bubbles Hargrave, the Reds' catcher, fell from his high mark of .411 to .325 the past week.

Rogers Hornsby, the St. Louis slugger, celebrated his return to the game by collecting ten hits in seven games, moving from seventh to sixth place in the standings. Paralleling the stick work of Grantham was Jacobson of Brooklyn, who made 11 hits in the last six games, coming from far down in the rack into the first ten hitters, with a gain of 40 points.

Yonkers of the Giants slid into a tie for the stolen base leadership by getting three this week, equaling

**mark of his teammate, Fothergill, 17. Cuyler of Pittsburgh is just behind the two Giants with 24. Jack Wilson of the Cubs added another round trip this week, and still leads the National leaguers with 18 home runs. Bottomley of St. Louis got two, but is still one behind the Chicago outfielder. Rogers Hornsby also got two home runs this week and is tied with his teammate Ball, and Jack Fournier of Brooklyn, at nine.**

The Reds fell off a bit in team hitting, but their veteran pitching staff still holds the laurels. Rixey leads the league in effectiveness among the regulars, and Donohue has won the most games, 13. Rhem of St. Louis and "Specs" Meadows of Pittsburgh are close behind Rixey and fourth among the regulars is Doug McWeeny of Brooklyn, a former White Sox discards.

Leading hitters in the National league in 40 or more games: Hargrave, Cincinnati, .355; Bressler, Cincinnati, .372; Grantham, Pittsburgh, .365; Herman, Brooklyn, .356; Traynor, Pittsburgh, .351; Hornsby, St. Louis, .344; Christensen, Cincinnati, .347; Jacobson, Brooklyn, .340; E. Smith, Pittsburgh, .336; Cuyler, Pittsburgh, .334.

**Four Awaiting Death In Mass. State Prisons**

Boston, July 17.—(AP)—The sentence of death by electrocution hangs over four men in Massachusetts, the greatest number which has faced the chair in this state in any one year since 1912, when five executions were carried out for separate crimes. Three are to die together. Only once have three men been electrocuted for the same crime.

John J. Devereaux, John J. McLaughlin and Edward J. Heinlein are under sentence of death during

**FREED BY BANDITS**

Vera Cruz, Mexico, July 17.—(AP)—Miguel Loyo, a Mexican railway engineer who was kidnapped by bandits late in May, has been liberated. He is seriously ill from the hardships endured during more than seven weeks of captivity.

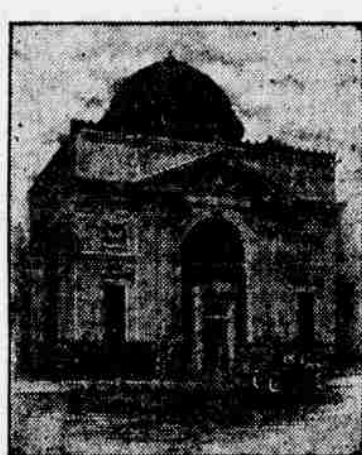
Loyo was kidnapped together with J. W. Shanklin of Canyon City, Texas. The latter was freed June 3 after payment of 6,000 pesos ransom.

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